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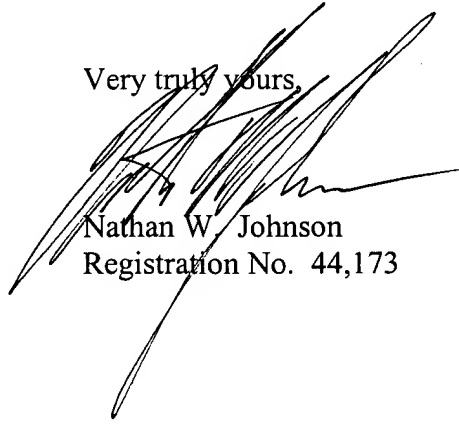
Applicant: Holmes, M.
Application No.: 09/590,586
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Art Unit: 3613

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Office Action for the above-referenced patent application, as well as a check in the amount of \$568.00, representing the fees for two additional independent claims.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


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